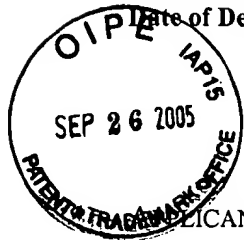


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Response to May 25, 2005 Office Action (6 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover one-month extension fee; and
4. Return Postcard.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17853-039. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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